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C O N F I D E N T I A L ALEXANDRIA 0129

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MPOL, EG, UR

SUBJECT: SOVIET NAVAL SHIP VISIT

1. SOVIET NAVAL VESSEL IDENTIFIED AS CRUISER "KERCH"  
OF KARA CLASS ARRIVED ALEXANDRIA HARBOR FEBRUARY 22.  
IN UNUSUAL DISPLAY OF FORMALITY IT AND SOVIET NAVAL  
VESSELS BERTHED AT ALEXANDRIA SHIPYARD WERE DRESSED OVER  
ALL IN SIGNAL FLAGS.

2. HOWEVER, UNLIKE NORMAL SHIP VISITS BY US, FRENCH, BRITISH  
AND EVEN SOVIET NAVAL TRAINING SHIP LAST FALL, KERCH  
IS MOORED AT SHIPYARD WITH OTHER SOVIET SHIPS, NOT RPT NOT  
AT PASSENGER TERMINAL.

3. BY LATE AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 23 THERE HAD BEEN NO  
INDICATION SOVIET CONSUL GENERAL PLANNING RECEPTION OR  
SHIP VISIT AS IS USUAL DURING SUCH VISITS BY OTHER  
COUNTRIES.  
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